lier, but has been traced on 27th April 1992 and is being questioned by Customs officers.

Unearthing smuggling of Dish-Antennae in Bombay

146. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence Bombay have recently unearthed a major racket in the import of dish-antennae and components used to receive satellite transmission;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to check such illegal import of dish antennae and components?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Members are presumably referring to the seizure of 6 pieces of computer synthesized satellite receivers with remote control valued at Rs. 2.40 lakhs approximately, effected by the Bombay Zonal Unit of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence on 9-2-1992. The goods were imported in 3 parcels which had arrived at Bombay from Hongkong and were declared to contain one 'resever' each to be delivered at an address in Bombay. On enquiry, this address was found to be fictitious.

(c) The Customs authorities are vigilant against smuggling including that of electronic goods. Intelligence is targeted against such smuggling and the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence which is the apex body for the collection collation and dissemination of intelligence on smuggling actively assists Customs authorities.

Impact of New Gold Import Policy

147. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's new gold policy has evoked little interest among non-resident Indians, especially in the Gulf countries to send gold to India;

(b) if so, whether the smuggling of gold continues in India despite Government's new gold policy;

(c) what is the quantum of gold brought into the country and smuggled seized since the implementation of the new gold policy;

(d) whether Government propose to further liberalise its gold policy to check smuggling of this metal and to induce NRIs to brng in more gold; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The latest trends in imports under the scheme do not support the view that the scheme has evoked little interest among non-resident Indians.

(b) Available reports and seizures made indicate that gold continues to be sensitive to smuggling into the country.